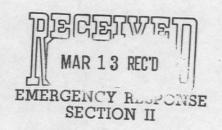




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Subject:

Contract No. 68-W8-0064 - Pride

Industries/City of Chicago Site

Assessment

Dear Ms. Hendrixson:

This letter is in response to your March 7, 1996 letter, which raised several questions regarding Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.'s (BVSPC's) work for the City of Chicago site assessment project.

BVSPC acknowledges that a minimal amount of work was conducted on the Pride Industry site. However, the file for Pride Industries has not been made available to the individuals responsible for the work on the City of Chicago project. In fact, they have been instructed not to review the file until all necessary approvals to access the file have been received from the appropriate agencies. To date, the only information that has been provided to the City of Chicago regarding the Pride Industry site is that it is located within the area currently being evaluated by BVSPC under the City of Chicago's Brownfield program. BVSPC will comply with the terms of our contract with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as indicated under H-4 Screening Business Information for Claims of Confidentiality and H-5 Treatment of Confidential Business Information, both clauses noted in your recent letter.

With regard to the submittal of a request to enter into a contract with the City of Chicago under the Limitation of Future Contracting Clause in our contract, it was our opinion that such a request was not needed. The Limitation of Future Contracting Clause applies in the five specific instances noted in the contract which are as follows:

1. The work with the City of Chicago does not result from a Superfund cooperative agreement.

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- 2. The work under our contract with the City of Chicago is not the result of a SARA consent decree.
- 3. The work under our City of Chicago Contract is not offered by the private sector and no enforcement action has been initiated at the Pride Industries site.
- 4. BVSPC has not developed any formal solicitation package associated with the Pride Industry site.
- 5. BVSPC is not competing for a contract offered by a private party.

Based on the preceding, it was our opinion that a future contracting request did not need to be submitted.

Also, please be advised that the fact that Pride Industries was located on the site came from an independent source and was not revealed by our files. Again, I wish to stress that we will maintain all confidentiality requirements and that the files held by BVSPC associated with the Pride Industry site will not be made available to the City of Chicago unless we are formally authorized by the USEPA.

I understand that all of the preceding was not discussed in my original letter and I apologize for that and hope that the information provided in this letter will clarify this situation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Lawrence G. Magill.

Sincerely,

BLACK & VEATCH Special Projects Corp.

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